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To: Michael Copps
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Subject: Stop media consolidation - restore Fairness Doctrine

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The more independent voices there are, the more likely it is that someone with a conscience will stand up for what is right. It is your duty as Americans to give them that opportunity. Now is your chance to take a stand and do the right thing for America. Show your support for America and her men and women in uniform by reversing the over-consolidation of the media and restoring the Fairness Doctrine.

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mr chairman, as an concerned american citizen i want to express my hope that you do not allow continued mergers and consolidations of the media organizations. the media outlets are supposed to serve and be in the interest of all americans, not just a few. when something is not broken, it does not require fixing. please serve the american peoples best interest. thank you

From: Karen Sirridge
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 5, 2003 10:01 AM
Subject: Opposition to further consolidation

We oppose further consolidation of the media. It is not in the citizens of this nation best interests.

The Sirridges
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From: Karen Sirridge
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